IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-23 and 28-47 (canceled).

Claim 24. (Currently Amended) A method of raising an immune response ~~treating or preventing mycobacterial disease~~ in an animal or human against a mycobacterium, which method comprises administering an effective amount of ~~vaccinating said animal or human against~~ a polypeptide selected from:

(i) a polypeptide according to SEQ ID NO: 24;

(ii) a polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to (i);

(iii) a polypeptide having at least 70% amino acid identity to a polypeptide of (i) over 30 or more contiguous amino acids; or

(iv) a fragment of a polypeptide of (i) comprising at least 12 amino acids and an epitope.

Claim 25. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 24 which method comprises administering ~~vaccinating or treating said animal or human with~~ an effective amount of a polypeptide selected from:

(i) a polypeptide according to SEQ ID NO: 24;

(ii) a polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to (i);

(iii) a polypeptide having at least 70% amino acid identity to a polypeptide of (i) over 30 or more contiguous amino acids; or

(iv) a fragment of a polypeptide of (i) comprising at least 12 amino acids and an epitope

to said human or animal.

Claim 26. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 25 ~~24~~ wherein the polypeptide is provided by expression from a polynucleotide ~~which method comprises vaccinating or treating said animal or human with an effective amount of a polynucleotide capable of expressing a polypeptide selected from~~

~~(i) a polypeptide according to SEQ ID NO: 24;~~

~~(ii) a polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to (i);~~

~~(iii) a polypeptide having at least 70% amino acid identity to a polypeptide of (i) over 30 or more contiguous amino acids; or~~

~~(iv) a fragment of a polypeptide of (i) comprising at least 12 amino acids and an epitope.~~

~~or an expression vector comprising any such polynucleotide~~.

Claim 27. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 26 wherein said polynucleotide is selected from:

(i) a polynucleotide according to SEQ ID NO: 23;

(ii) a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO: 23;

(iii) a fragment of a polynucleotide of (i) or (ii); or

(iv) a polynucleotide having at least 90% homology to a polynucleotide of ~~or~~ (i), (ii) or (iii).